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SUBJECT: SEC INVESTIGATION OF BURMAH OIL COMPANY, LTD.

1. THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE
QUESTIONABLE AND/OR ILLEGAL UNDISCLOSED PAYMENTS AND/OR
ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH
VARIOUS AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY A BURMAH SUBSIDIARY.
IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SEC WISHES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES WHICH MAY BE INCOR-
PORATED OR HAVE OFFICES IN PANAMA: ASTROFINO DEL MAR,
S.A., AND NATGASCO COMPANIA NAVIERA, S.A. THE SEC IS
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INFORMATION RELATING TO THE
OWNERSHIP AND/OR CONTROL OF THESE ENTITIES, AND IT UNDER-
STANDS THAT ICAZA, GONZALES-RUIZ AND ALEMAN OF PANAMA IS,
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OR WAS, A REGISTERED AGENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF ASTROFINO.

2. AS A FIRST STEP IN ASSISTING THE SEC, THE DEPARTMENT
WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S CHECKING ITS FILES AND THE
PUBLIC RECORDS IN PANAMA FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING
THESE TWO COMPANIES. VANCE

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